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SUBJ: AUSTRALIAN NEWS ROUNDUP - MONDAY AUGUST 13.

1. WEEKEND PAPERS HEADLINES FRAGMENTED. INCLUDE HOUSTON MURDERS, ISRAELI INTERCEPTION, MINERALS STATEMENT, AND POLITICAL PREDICTIONS.

2. SATURDAYS AUSTRALIAN HEADLINES PM AND THREE MINISTERS FOR ORE TALKS IN TOKYO. "REPORT SAYS THIS MOST POWERFUL DELEGATION EVER TO LEAVE AUSTRALIA ON A SINGLE MISSION WILL INAUGURATE NEW POLICY OF CONDUCTING MINERAL AND ENERGY NEGOTIATIONS ON A GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT BASIS. MINISTERS ARE TREASURER CREAN, TRADE MINISTER CAIRNS AND MINERALS AND ENERGY CONNOR.

3. STATEMENT BY MINERALS AND ENERGY MINISTER CONNOR WIDELY REPORTED IN SATURDAY PRESS. DENYING AUSTRALIA PLANNED TO HOARD MINERALS HE SAID PROPOSED NATIONAL PETROLEUM AND MINERALS AUTHORITY WOULD EXPLORE, PRODUCE, TRANSPORT AND REFINE PETROLEUM. "WE SEEK FULL NATIONAL CONTROL OF AUSTRALIA'S ENERGY RESOURCES," HE SAID.

4. FRIDAY PM, SATURDAY PAPERS AND RADIO BULLETINS REPORTED AUGUST 9, STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR GREEN.

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SYDNEY MORNING HERALD HEADING "WHITLAM VISIT A SUCCESS -

US ENVOY." CANBERRA TIMES HEADING "SEATO 'TO AGREE TO
DISPENSE WITH FANFARANJZM

5. SUNDAY TELEGRAPH HEADLINES KENNETH MYER AS G.G.
SUGGESTING PM WILL INVITE BUSINESS MAN MYER TO BE NEXT
GOVERNOR GENERAL.

6. SUN-HERALD HEADLINES "MONEY POURS IN FOR LIBS" AND
CONTENDS DISENCHANTMENT OF BIG BUSINESS WITH LABOR GOVERN-
MENT HAS BOOSTED LIBERAL PARTY FUNDS.

7. MONDAY PAPERS FEATURE IMMIGRATION STATEMENT BY MINISTER
GRASSBY.

8. AUSTRALIAN. ALAN RAMSAY REPORTS AUSTRALIA IS TO CON-
SIDER HOSTING A CONFERENCE OF ASIAN AND AFRICAN COMMONWEALTH
COUNTRIES FROM THE INDIAN OCEAN REGION NEXT YEAR. RAMSAY
SAYS PROPOSAL PUT BY WHITLAM TO MUJIBER REHMAN TOWARD END
OF OTTAWA CONFERENCE.

9. SYDNEY MORNING HERALD, AGE AND CANBERRA TIMES FRONT-
PAGE IMMIGRATION MINISTER GRASSBY'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT
AUSTRALIAN IMMIGRATION QUOTA WILL BE PEGGED AT 110,000 IN
1973-74 DESPITE REQUESTS FROM INDUSTRY FOR MORE WORKERS
TO ENTER THE COUNTRY.

10. MELBOURNE SUN WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT, PETER COSTIGAN,
IN ARTICLE HEADED "WINDS OF CHANGE" SAYS AGNEW PRESS CON-
FERENCE DREW THE BIGGEST AUDIENCE AND INSPIRED THE MOST
FERVENT DISCUSSION OF THE COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE. ABILITY
OF AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION TO MAINTAIN POWER AND
INFLUENCE IN COMMONWEALTH AT STAKE SAYS COSTIGAN. RE-
FERRING TO OTTAWA CONFERENCE HE SAYS WHITLAM " SEEMED
SET TO BECOME THE STAR OF THE CONFERENCE" BUT "OVERDID
HIS FIRST PERFORMANCE ON THE COMMONWEALTH STAGE".

11. AGE EDITORIAL HEADED "OTTAWA SPIRIT WITH BITTERS"
SAYS DESPITE LACK OF PRACTICAL PROGRESS A HEALTHY SPIRIT
EMERGED FROM DISCUSSIONS. WHITLAM "SCORED SOME POINTS"
BUT "NOT ALWAYS A WINNER" EDIT SAID.
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